

Re March 21
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North Carmel, N.H.
March 26-1883.

Dr. George Engelmann,

Dear Sir:-

Having some cacti which I am very desirous of knowing the botanical names of, I take the liberty to send you, with this, five numbered specimens, and a sheet containing descriptions of each. You will see I have left a blank space under each description, and if you will be so kind as to write the genus and species of each specimen under its description, and return the sheet to me, you will confer a great favor. Doubtless your time is fully occupied, but I know of no one who would be so likely to know the names of the cacti as



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you, and I think I have arranged it so you will not have to do any unnecessary writing.

One more favor I will beg, - please write the specific names very plainly as I am young in botany, and names which ~~would~~ ^{might} be mistakenly recognized by a good botanist, might prove a sore puzzle to me; and I have no work on Cactaceæ to refer to.

I have duplicates of the cacti, - they may prove interesting pot-plants to yourself, family or some friend.

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Very truly yours,

Walter N. Pike,
No. Carmel,
Maine.



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Re Oct. 20
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No. Carmel, Me.

July 20-1883

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,-

Dear Sir: I
send you a few botan-
ical specimens with this
& descriptions of the ~~same~~ same.
Will you be so kind as to
write the botanical names
in the spaces left under
the descriptions and return
the sheet to me? One more
favor I will ask: please write
the botanical names very
plain and greatly oblige

Yours truly

Walter N. Pike,
North Carmel,
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